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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Hassan Phillips

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to communications filed July 6, 2006.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with regards to claims 14-17, filed July 6, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants argued that:

- a) Simonoff does not disclose "a rapid event generator accessible by an event champion and operable to define an architecture of the virtual event based on authorizations of a network administrator for an organization to access the network and an organization administrator associated with the authorized organization for the event champion to create the virtual event, wherein the organization administrator grants authority to a plurality of organizations to access the network, wherein each organization controls associated virtual events based on templates from the network administration".
- b) Simonoff does not disclose a content contributor module associated with the network and operable to upload predetermined content authorized by the event champion.
- c) Simonoff does not disclose the organization administrator authorizes a virtual event by creating an event instance.
- d) Simonoff does not disclose the rapid event generator comprises an object operable to accept the event instance created by the

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organization administrator and further operable to generate a virtual event object from the event instance and data provided by the event champion.

Examiner respectfully disagrees with applicant's assertions.

3. In response to a), examiner maintains Simonoff discloses applicants claimed invention at least in the previously cited passages (col. 6, lines 1-67, col. 7, lines 1-6, col. 8, lines 37-40, col. 9, lines 21-57, and col. 13, line 59-col. 14, line 43). More specifically, examiner has interpreted applicant's claimed rapid event generator as Smirnoff's White Board Server (col. 6, lines 61-66). Further, Simonoff shows the White Board Server accessible by an event champion (i.e. client computer, or White Board Applet (301a)) (col. 6, lines 61-66, col. 9, lines 46-57), and operable to define an architecture of the virtual event (i.e. collaboration session) (col. 6, lines 57-66), based on authorizations of a network administrator (i.e. privilege levels carried by the White Board Server) (col. 6, line 61-col. 7, line 6, col. 11, line 24-44), for an organization (i.e. government or far flung organization) (col. 8, lines 27-31), to access the network and an organization administrator (i.e. White Board Server) (col. 8, lines 26-44) associated with the authorized organization for the event champion to create the virtual event, wherein the organization administrator grants authority to a plurality of organizations to access the network, wherein each organization controls associated virtual events based on templates (i.e. files) (col. 9, line 29-col. 10,

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line 11), from the network administrator, (col. 6, lines 1-67, col. 7, lines 1-6, col. 8, lines 37-40, col. 9, lines 21-57, and col. 13, line 59-col. 14, line 43).

4. In response to b), examiner maintains Simonoff discloses a content contributor module (i.e. client computer, or White Board Applet (301a)) (col. 6, lines 61-66, col. 9, lines 46-57) associated with the network and operable to upload predetermined content (i.e. files) (col. 9, line 29-col. 10, line 11) authorized by the event champion (i.e. based on privilege levels assigned to the client computer) (col. 6, line 61-col. 7, line 6, col. 11, line 24-44).

5. In response to c), examiner maintains it is inherent Simonoff discloses the organization administrator authorizes a virtual event by creating an event instance where Simonoff teaches the White Board Server assigning privilege levels to participants of a collaboration session, (col. 25, lines 3-13).

6. In response to d), examiner maintains Simonoff discloses the rapid event generator comprises an object operable to accept the event instance created by the organization administrator and further operable to generate a virtual event object from the event instance and data provided by the event champion where Simonoff teaches creating the collaboration session for an organization, (col. 6, line 1-col. 7, line 6).

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7. As mentioned in previous actions, Examiner has interpreted the claim language as broadly as possible. It is also the Examiner's position that Applicant has not yet submitted claims drawn to limitations, which define the operation and apparatus of Applicant's disclosed invention in a manner that distinguishes over the prior art. Failure for Applicant to significantly narrow definition/scope of the claims implies the Applicant intends broad interpretation be given to the claims. The Examiner has interpreted the claims with scope parallel to the Applicant in the response and reiterated the need for Applicant to define the claimed invention more clearly and distinctly.

8. Applicant's arguments, see remarks pages 19-30, filed July 6, 2006, with respect to claims 1-13, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-13, under U.S.C. 103(a) has therefore been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

9. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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10. Claims 14-17, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Simonoff, U.S. patent 6,463,460.

11. In considering claim 14, Simonoff teaches a system for presenting a virtual event through a network interfaced with the Internet, the system comprising: a rapid event generator accessible by an event champion and operable to define an architecture of the virtual event based on authorizations of a network administrator for an organization to access the network and an organization administrator associated with the authorized organization for the event champion to create the virtual event, wherein the organization administrator grants authority to a plurality of organizations to access the network, wherein each organization controls associated virtual events based on templates from the network administrator, (col. 6, lines 1-67, col. 7, lines 1-6, col. 8, lines 37-40, col. 9, lines 21-57, and col. 13, line 59 through col. 14, line 43).

12. In considering claim 15, Simonoff teaches a content contributor module associated with the network and operable to upload predetermined content authorized by the event champion. See col. 11, lines 24-43.

13. In considering claim 16, it is inherent in the teachings of Simonoff that the organization administrator module authorizes a virtual event by creating an event instance. See col. 25, lines 3-13.

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14. In considering claim 17, Simonoff teaches the rapid event generator comprising an object operable to accept the event instance created by the organization administrator and further operable to generate a virtual event object from the event instance and data provided by the event champion. See col. 6, lines 1-67, and col. 7, lines 1-6.

Allowable Subject Matter

15. After consideration of applicant's arguments, see remarks pages 19-30, filed July 6, 2006, with respect to claims 1-13, claims 1-13 are allowed.

Conclusion

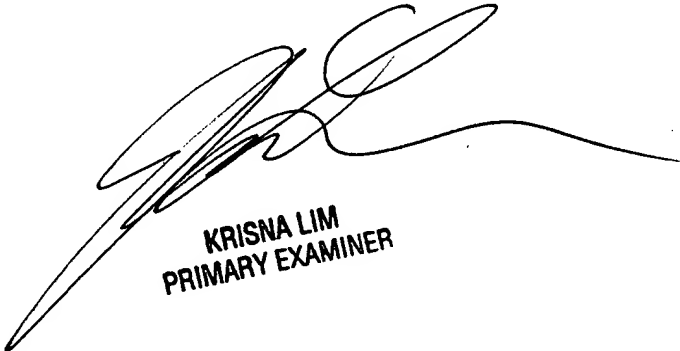
16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hassan Phillips whose telephone number is 571-272-3940. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8am-5pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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